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Therefore, in view of the aforementioned differences between Campbell and the present invention, the examiner's rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Campbell is inappropriate.

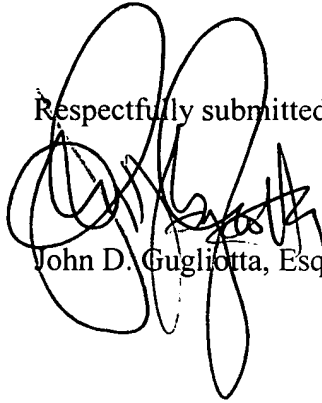
The examiner respectfully rejected Claims 1-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tatsumi ('831). Tatsumi teaches an illuminated umbrella having a light source in a handle or a shaft, thereby illuminating at least part of the shaft coupled to the handle.

However, Tatsumi fails to *specifically claim* an incandescent lamp; a neon-colored tube circumscribing the shaft of the umbrella; a series of threads formed along a lower rim of the handle; and a screw cap with matching, receiving threads to mate with the threads formed along the lower rim of the handle such as to removably contain the batteries.

Therefore, in view of the numerous differences that abound between Tatsumi and the present invention, the examiner's rejection of Claims 1-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is inappropriate.

Moreover, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and is requested.

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